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Dear Messrs. Klein and Schepens:

Re: Extension of Ecology's review of the Calendar Year (CY) 2003 Hanford Site Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) Report

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is reviewing the United States Department of Energy's (USDOE) CY 2003 LDR Report which was submitted on April 30, 2004, in accordance with Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Milestone M-26-01N.

In accordance with Milestone M-26-01N, this report is to be submitted as a primary document. As such, TPA, Chapter 9, requires the lead regulatory agency to respond within 45 days. Since Ecology received the report on April 30, 2004, our response is due by June 14, 2004. Ecology is in the process of preparing our response and needs to extend the comment period by one month. Ecology's response will be provided to USDOE by July 14, 2004.

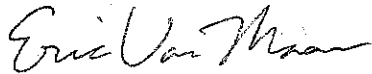
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If you would like to discuss this letter, please contact me at (509) 372-7929.

Sincerely,



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